



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Respiratory Care Week

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care is a volunteer-based, non-profit, professional organization committed to the support of the Respiratory Care Practitioner and to the pulmonary health of the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care understands the services provided by Respiratory Therapists have become crucial to the health of individuals; Respiratory therapists are involved in the evaluation and monitoring of heart and lung functions, as well as giving treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care acknowledges Respiratory Therapists assume important medical responsibilities including emergency airway management, critical care, delivering medications to improve acute and chronic lung conditions, providing diagnostic testing for lung disease and educating individuals about lung health and the effects of smoking; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care realizes that Respiratory Therapists are important members of the health care team; Respiratory Therapists work under the medical direction of doctors to treat all types of patients, ranging from premature infants whose lungs are not fully developed to elderly individuals with lung disease; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care will recognize *Respiratory Care Week* in Hawai'i from October 23-29, 2011;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of October 23-29, 2011 as

"RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to recognize Respiratory Therapists for their valuable work in providing important medical services to the people of Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of September, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i